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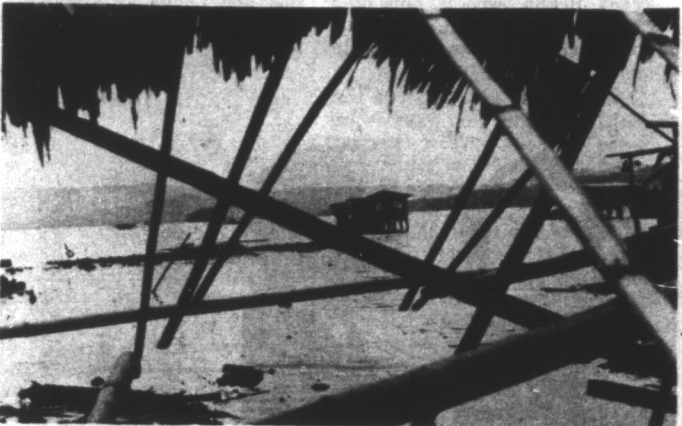
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HOMELESS BUT UNAFRAID—Crisnoni Flores lost his house and all his belongings in the earthquake that hit the Philippines recently but because he is a Christian, he faces the days and weeks ahead unafraid. As chairman of the board of deacons at the Pagadian Baptist Church, he helped his church care for other victims that had lost their material possessions. (BP) photo by William T. Roberson.



LOOKING THROUGH THE ROOF—This is one of the villages in Pagadian, Mindanao, Philippines, as seen through the roof of one of its former houses. Pagadian was one of the cities most severely damaged by the August 17 earthquake and tidal waves. Three national Baptists died here and one Baptist affiliate is still missing. (BP) photo by William T. Roberson.

Goulding To Speak To Religious Leadership

Dr. C. Ronald Goulding, associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, will be the speaker Oct. 7 for the annual meeting and fellowship banquet of the Mississippi Religious Leadership Conference.



The meeting will be in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church, Jackson, at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Henry C. Clay, program counselor for the Mississippi Conference Council on Ministries of the United Methodist Church, will preside.

Special awards will be given to several religious leaders of Mississippi in recognition of their contribution "to the ideals and purposes of the Mississippi Religious Leadership Conference as a forum and a vehicle for all religious groups in Mississippi to unite for the well-being of all its people."

Tickets for the banquet may be obtained by writing Dr. William P. Davis, executive director, Mississippi Religious Leadership Conference.

Dr. Goulding, in addition to being associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, is secretary of the European Baptist Foundation, a member of the council of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, is on the council of Spurgeon's College, is chairman of

the Baptist Union Commonwealth Society, and is president of the European Baptist Foundation.

He heads the new Division of Evangelism and Education of the Baptist World Alliance.

Dr. Goulding is a native of London. He studied law before entering the ministry.

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Associate Editor

Tim Nicholas, photo feature editor for the Home Mission Board, has been elected associate editor of the Baptist Record to succeed Don McGregor, who has replaced retired editor Dr. Joe Odle. Nicholas, at the HMB since 1972, will begin duties in Jackson Sept. 20.

Church Music Department Introduces New Workers

by Dan Hall, Director Church Music Department
The Church Music Department is happy to introduce 12 musicians in the state who have earned the title, Music Specialist. The primary task of these specialists is to go into churches and associations

and train children's choir leaders. Certainly this includes general musical help to all preschool and children's workers. This program is under the direction of Mrs. Nan Grantham, Consultant in the Church Music Department.

To qualify as Music Specialist, a person must earn the Church Music Diploma in the age-group division to which he or she is assigned. He also attends one major conference during the year for additional training and updating on methods and materials, as well as quarterly training labs at the Baptist Building in Jackson.

Serving in the preschool area are Mrs. Tom Mercer, Mrs. Larry Anderson, Mrs. Ron Rainer, and J. T. Hannaford. Mrs. Mercer is wife of the Minister of Music at the Immanuel Baptist Church in Cleveland. She holds the B.M.E. degree from Baylor University. In addition to her children's choir work, she is also a very capable accompanist. Mrs. Anderson is music secretary and church pianist at the First Baptist Church of Starkville. She is working toward the B.M.E. degree at Mississippi State University. Mrs. Rainer, First Baptist Church, Pearl, as-

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Lay Renewal Resources On Tape For Blind

Southern Baptist lay renewal resources are now available on tape for the blind.

Three basic renewal books published by the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission and Home Mission Board have been recorded and made available to the blind by Recording for the Blind, Inc., a non-profit organization based in New York City.

Recordings for the Blind is a national, non-profit voluntary organization supported by contributions. Each year, it makes available almost 5,000 new books on

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COTABATO CITY, Philippines (BP) — A local Baptist pastor has praised the financial help that the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and national Baptists have given to earthquake and tidal wave victims in this Filipino city. "I feel that this is a very good Baptist testimony," declared Romeo Palmer, pastor of the Cotabato City Baptist Church

which was severely damaged by the Aug. 17 earthquake and subsequent tidal waves that hit the Philippine Islands. Palmer's home, the church parsonage, was also seriously damaged.

"I regret that we as a Baptist church cannot give money to help," Palmer said. "I am just so happy to hear that there are friends from the Foreign Mission Board available for this vital

thing, this calamity."

The church building and parsonage both sank between two and three feet and the lower floors stand in two feet of water. More than \$2,000 has been given to the West Central Mindanao Church, according to Robert N. Nash, chairman of the Philippine Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries). He said if both structures are con-

demned, as expected, additional funds will be needed.

Another \$1,000 has been given to the city government of Cotabato in behalf of Baptists. Government officials said food is plentiful and medicine has been pledged. The priority at this time for the money's use is temporary housing. The board authorized \$50,000 in relief funds to be used as needed in the Philippines.

Destruction in Pagadian, a city northwest of Cotabato City, was also severe. Three national Baptists lost their lives there and one elderly lady associated with the Pagadian church has still not been located. The tidal waves completely destroyed her home.

The Pagadian church building, however, was not damaged by the earthquake or waves and has served as a refuge for those families which had no other shelter, according to William Roberson, Southern Baptist press representative for the Philippines. Approximately \$2,000 was presented to the provincial governor for relief work in Pagadian by Southern Baptist missionaries.

"Continued assistance will be provided by follow-up ministries through the local churches and associational groups," Roberson reported. "No Baptist missionaries are currently residing in the most heavily affected areas but Mr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Waldron are scheduled to arrive in Pagadian in early October."

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Baptist Work Advances In Malaysia-Singapore

RICHMOND (BP) — After 26 years of "slow growth" in Baptist work in Malaysia and Singapore, large gains in church membership, baptisms and contributions were reported this year.

"Three times as many churches were organized this past year as in any previous year in the history of Baptist work in Malay-

sia," William R. Wakefield, the Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Southeast Asia told the board during its August meeting. Church units (mission points) in both countries increased by 37 percent.

The churches set a goal of 50 new church units during this past year and are reporting 55 new

units, according to Southern Baptist missionary Charles H. Morris.

Baptism and contribution records also show unprecedented gains. Baptisms numbered 55 percent more than the previous year, and contributions through the churches showed a rise of 42 percent.

"This is the most dramatic change in Southeast Asia," Wakefield told the board members. "This has been a turnaround for these countries."

Wakefield, who recently returned to Richmond following a trip to Southeast Asia, listed several factors that have contributed to the turnaround.

One factor has been the sharp focus on evangelism and growth. This was brought about by a

change in leadership in 1974-75. As a result of this survey, better methods and more efficient utilization of resources were adopted. A new and deepened commitment to the task of bringing the gospel to the people of this area also resulted, according to Wakefield.

Another important factor in the growth has been the good relationship between the missionaries and national Baptists. "After a good many years of strain and some distance between the mission and the Malaysian Baptist Convention, a spirit of cooperation has prevailed," Wakefield explained.

He cited as a third factor the greater focus on tribal minority groups. "These people have proven to be very responsive," he noted. According to Morris, the greatest increase in church units was in East Malaysia (Sabah and

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R. A. McLemore, Top State Educator, Dies

Dr. Richard Aubrey McLemore, a leading educator in Mississippi for nearly half a century, died Tuesday, August 31, in Jackson, following an extended illness.

Funeral services were at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, September 2, at the First Baptist Church in Clinton with Dr. Bill Baker, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Highland Park Cemetery in Hattiesburg at 3 p.m.

The 73-year-old McLemore's service as an educator included 11 years as president of Mississippi College. He was also acting president and dean of Mississippi Southern College, later to become the University of Southern Mississippi, and was director of the State Department of Archives and History for four years.

Dr. McLemore produced more than 20 articles and books in the field of history. With his wife, he authored the textbook, *The Mississippi Story*, which is used by grade schools in the state.

He also co-authored *Our Nation's Story*, a high school American history text, used in all 50 states. Dr. McLemore edited a two-volume *History of Mississippi*.

He wrote *A History of Mississippi Baptists*, published in 1971, and a history of First Baptist Church, Jackson, released this year. He served on the editorial committee which supervised the production of Volume III of the *Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists*, and was Mississippi chairman for the *Encyclopedia*.

He also served as executive secretary and treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission. This year he was re-elected as a member of the Historical Commission, SBC, a position he has held since 1970.

He was a member of the board of directors, secretary-treasurer.

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Dr. R. A. McLemore

Retired Missionary Begins 550-Mile Jog To Richmond

By Robert Stanley
ATLANTA (BP)—Orvil W. Reid, 68-year-old missionary to Mexico, renowned for his feats of strength, jogged from the Home Mission Board here Sept. 3 on the first lap of a 550-mile "Run for Life."

During appearance along the way to Richmond, Va., he hopes to win 1,000 people to Christ and collect at least \$60,000 for U.S. and world relief.

He plans to reach the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond by Oct. 11. That's the date when he and his wife, Alma, will officially retire after 38 years missionary service. Along with other retiring missionaries, they will be honored by the Foreign Mission Board at that time.

Each retiring missionary receives a bonus, and the Reids have already pledged \$1,500 of theirs as a contribution to suffering people of the world.

Like other proceeds from the run, the contribution will be divided, with 60 percent going to world relief through the Foreign Mission Board and 40 percent to needs in the U. S. through the Home Mission Board.

Executive director Arthur B. Rutledge of the HMB will offer a prayer of dedication as Reid starts

his run down auxiliary roads of 1185 and along U. S. 29 through Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina to Richmond.

The lean and wiry missionary will log about 20 miles a day, five days a week. He'll take each

Thursday and Sunday off from running, but not from the arduous schedule of rallies, personal appearances, and demonstrations of physical fitness.

At rallies in churches, schools, (Continued On Page 7)



RUN FOR LIFE—Orvil W. Reid, 68-year-old missionary who will jog from the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., to the Foreign Mission Board's building in Richmond, Va., Sept. 3-Oct. 11, demonstrates his physical strength during a demonstration several years ago in Mexico where Reid served for 38 years. Reid is jogging the 550 miles, making appearances along the way, in an effort to win 1,000 people to Christ and collect at least \$60,000 for U.S. and world relief. (BP) photo by Gerald S. Harvey.

Baptist Relief 'A Testimony'

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Southern Baptist missionary Paul B. Johnson, faculty member of the Mindanao Bible School and chairman of the Mindanao executive committee of the Philippine Baptist Mission, will lead in extensive and prolonged ministries among the people who were in the area of widespread devastation.

Nash surveyed the effects of the earthquake in the most severely damaged areas. He reported three deaths, all in one family in Pagadian. Five families, including this one, lost their houses and belongings.

Further south, in Cotabato City, there was heavy property damage, according to William T. Roberson, Southern Baptist missionary press representative who accompanied Nash on the damage survey.

He reported the Baptist church in Cotabato City was extensively damaged. An initial grant of approximately \$2,000 has been set aside from FMB relief funds for repairs.

The church building possibly will be condemned by the city. If so, additional help will be needed. The church's basement was completely destroyed, Nash reported.

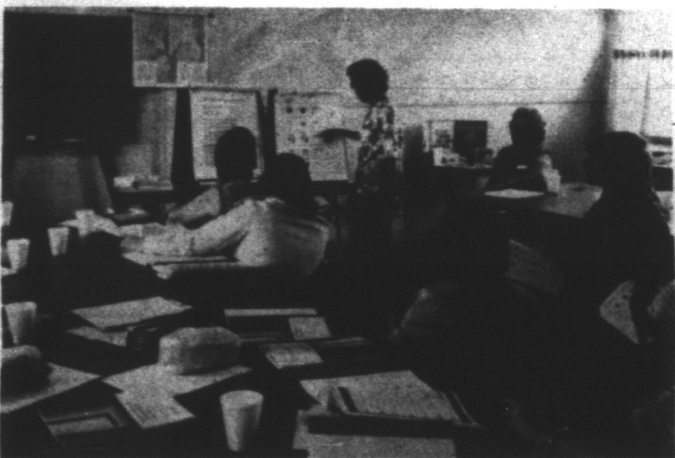
Approximately \$10,000 of a \$50,000 relief authorization has already been channeled through local Baptist churches and disaster relief agencies in Cotabato City and Pagadian, according to Roberson.

Nash indicated that government agencies were well organized and are meeting needs in an adequate way at the present time. The board's relief work has been supplemental to the government's work.

Three Baptist Nationals Die In Philippine Quake

MANILA, Philippines (BP) — Three Baptist Nationals have died as a result of the recent earthquake and tidal wave in western Mindanao. Some Baptist families have also been left homeless and one Baptist church was heavily damaged.

The August 17 earthquake reportedly left 8,000 dead or missing and left 175,000 homeless, but "Baptists have generally been spared from severe damage and loss," said Robert N. Nash, chairman of the Philippine Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries). Missionaries are all safe, and mission property undamaged, he said.



Adult Literacy Workshop

An adult literacy workshop in Washington County recently trained 10 workers to become adult literacy teachers. The workshop was sponsored by the Washington County Baptist Association. David N. Mayhall is the director of missions. Shown above is Mrs. Myrtle Adams of Greenville before the class. Seven churches in the Greenville area were represented.

Church Music Department Introduces New Workers

(Continued from page 1) sists her husband in his music ministry in the local church. She studied toward the B.M.E. degree at Samford University and completed the work at T.C.U. J. T. Hannaford is minister of music at the First Baptist Church of Moss Point. A graduate of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, he has worked with all phases of the music ministry and brings a wealth of experience to this position.

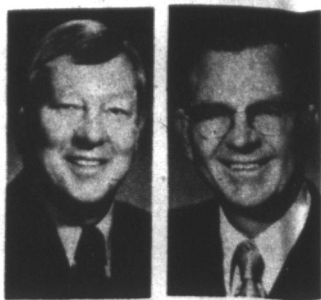
Three of the younger children's workers are from Jackson. Mrs. Deane Rodgers is the wife of the director of the Home Life Division at the Baptist Children's Village.

She has served as a curriculum writer for the Baptist Sunday School Board, and works with the choirs at the First Baptist Church in Jackson. She holds the B.M. degrees from Mississippi College and the M.M.E. degree from Sam Houston State University. Mrs. Frank Dutton is children's choir co-ordinator at the First Baptist Church in Jackson. She received the B.M. degree from Ouachita Baptist University and has

worked with the Church Music Department as an Approved Worker for two years. Mrs. Jerry Talley is another veteran Approved Worker. She is children's choir co-ordinator and organist at the Oak Forest Baptist Church in Jackson. She received the B.M. degree from Mississippi College, where she has done additional organ study. She has also served on the State Keyboard Committee.

Rick and Nedra Carter, of the First Baptist Church in Houston, are the only husband-wife team members. Rick, minister of music, is serving in the younger children's area, and Nedra, in the older children's area. Both hold B.M.E. degrees and Rick earned the M.C.M. degrees from New Orleans Seminary, where Nedra has also done graduate work.

Mrs. Tommy McElroy holds a dual position at the Saltillo Baptist Church, serving as Minister of Music and Youth. Completing undergraduate work at Mississippi College, she is nearing completion of her graduate work at the University of Mississippi. She is assisting the department as an older children's specialist. Bill



Library Workshop

(Continued from page 1) Hill. Both are consultants in the department.

Todd is a native of Mississippi and a graduate of Mississippi College.

Before he assumed his present position with the Sunday School Board in 1959 Todd was pastor of the First Baptist Church in Brookhaven. He was also pastor for five years of the Daniel Memorial Baptist Church in Jackson.

Advance In Malaysia- Singapore

(Continued from page 1) Sarawak) which reported a 67 per cent growth.

A comprehensive plan for urban evangelism in Singapore has also been a significant contribution to the growth, even though this plan is still in its initial stages. The plan to plant churches in every neighborhood was developed by the Singapore Baptist Convention's committee for evangelism with assistance from Southern Baptist missionary associate Ralph W. Neighbor Jr., a specialist in urban evangelism.

Initial results of surveys taken for urban evangelism indicated that 85 percent of the people of Singapore had no particular objections to the Christian faith. They just did not know anything about it, according to Wakefield.

The evangelism plan calls for churches to be planted in 200 target neighborhoods by 1980. "We are convinced that we are on the verge of an exciting day in urban evangelism," Wakefield explained. "While there is still much to be learned, I am confident that in this program there is a promise of even greater growth in Malaysia and Singapore in the year ahead," he added.

Wakefield sees the evangelism plan as a great development with potential for evangelizing urban areas all over the world. "I am convinced that there is a potential here in the discovery of principles which can greatly increase our skills in reaching the urban areas of the world for Christ," he concluded.

Barnes, another older children's specialist, earned the B.M.E. degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and the M.M.E. degree from Mississippi College. Director of the Crusader Boys' Choir at Broadmoor in Jackson, Bill frequently supplies in local churches. The newest older children's specialist is Mrs. William Fancher, children's choir co-ordinator at Calvary Baptist Church in Columbus. She received the B.M.E. degree from Southeastern Louisiana University and has done graduate work at Southwestern Seminary.

These workers are trained and waiting to help. All direct children's choirs and know the joys and frustrations related to the job. All feel a special desire to assist sister churches in beginning or encouraging choir programs. When a request for help comes in to the Church Music Department, every effort is made to send the personnel needed at the time requested, to meet needs of individual churches or associations. For more information, contact Mrs. Nan Grantham, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205, telephone No. 354-3704, Ext. 205.

R. A. McLemore, Top State Educator, Dies

(Continued from page 1) vice-president and president of the Mississippi Historical Society and was executive director of the Mississippi American Revolution Bicentennial Commission.

Active in civic and church circles, Dr. McLemore was a deacon in the Clinton First Baptist Church, a member of the Lions Club, and a thirty-third degree Mason and a Shriner.

He served on many community boards and was president of the board of trustees of the Willard F. Bond Home.

Dr. McLemore was elected "Man of the Year" in Clinton in 1969.

His years at Mississippi College were characterized by remarkable academic development and physical growth. During his presidency from 1957-68, total assets of the school grew 234 per cent, from \$3.6 million to \$12.3 million.

Eight buildings were added and six others were renovated. Endowment grew 58 per cent and income showed substantial gains. Enrollment increased by at least fifty per cent.

A native of Perry County, Dr. McLemore was graduated from Hattiesburg High School, then from Mississippi College with distinction in 1923. He obtained his M.A. from George Peabody College and his Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University.

He began his career in education as principal of Paynes Consolidated School. He then served two years as superintendent of Sandersville School in Jones County for two years and as a dean and teacher at Jones County Junior college and acting president.

He was an associate professor of history for one year at Judson College in Marion, Ala., before going to the University of Southern Mississippi. There he served as professor of history, head of the social studies department, dean of the college and acting president.

Survivors include his wife, the former Nannie Pitts; a son, Harry Kimbrell McLemore of Jackson; a brother, H. D. McLemore of Gulfport; and two grandchildren, Risa Lynn and Richard.

Dr. McLemore and his wife lived at 234 Kitchens Drive in Clinton.

The family requested, in lieu of flowers that memorials be given to Mississippi College or the Willard F. Bond Home.



Memorial Scholarship

At Pleasant Hill Church, Union County, near New Albany, Dudley Waddle (left) received a surprise from Mr. and Mrs. Zack Whisenant (with Dudley) in the form of a \$250 scholarship in memory of Homer R. Bennett, a lifelong friend of Mr. Whisenant who served as a Sunday School teacher for 20 years and as a deacon at Pleasant Hill from 1936 until his death last January. One of several gifts called "investments in Christianity" that the Whisenants have made, this scholarship is to be used by Dudley to further his ministerial training. Dudley serves Pleasant Hill as minister of music and youth.

Lay Renewal

(Continued from page 1) tape recordings to the blind and handicapped. More than 30,000 titles are on file in their library.

The newly-recorded renewal books now available are Journey into Life by Ralph Neighbor, Journey into Small Groups by William Bangham, and Journey into Discipleship by David Haney.

Copies of the tapes may be requested from Recording for the Blind, Inc., 215 East 58th Street, New York, New York 10022.

Goulding To

(Continued from page 1) ing the ministry and studying at Spurgeon's College. Before and just after World War II he was pastor of Greenleaf Road Baptist Church in London. The building was destroyed during the war, and he returned to rebuild it.

During the war he served as a pilot for the Royal Air Force.

Three Ethnic Crusades To Begin September 12

Three simultaneous ethnic crusades will be conducted September 12-18 in three areas of the state, at Shelby, Jackson and Philadelphia. Language group participants are Spanish, Indian and deaf.

The Rev. Bob Sena will preach at the Spanish mission in Shelby. He is the national consultant with ethnics, for the Evangelism section of the Home Mission Board, SBC. Mr. Sena led a Lay Evangelism School July 5-9 at the Spanish mission.

The crusade for the Choctaw Indians will be held in Philadelphia under the leadership of the Rev. Frank Belvin, who is himself a Choctaw from Boswell, Oklahoma. Mr. Belvin serves as the consult-

ant for Indian work with the Language Missions Department of the Home Mission Board. He recently led a Lay Evangelism School for the Choctaws in Philadelphia.

The meeting in Jackson for the deaf will be at Woodland Hills Church and will be led by the Rev. Rick Yount, director of deaf ministries at First Baptist Church of Irving, Texas. Mr. Yount also led an evangelism school in July.

The Simultaneous Crusade will be jointly sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department and Evangelism Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and the Evangelism Section and Language Missions Department of the Home Mission Board.



Sena



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Names In The News

Laura Anne Berry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Berry, missionaries to Brazil, married David James Spiegel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Spiegel, missionaries to Brazil, Aug. 7 in Arkadelphia, Ark. Her parents may be addressed at Caixa 352-ZC-00, 20000 Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Berry, son of Baptist missionaries, was born in Rio de Janeiro. The missionary Spiegels may be addressed at Caixa 375, 64000 Teresina, Piaui, Brazil.

James Polk Bethea, son of Dr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Bethea, missionaries to Kenya, married Stephanie Lynn Ellison Aug. 14. His parents may be addressed at P. O. Box 30588, Nairobi, Kenya. Missionary Bethea was born in Hattiesburg.

Roy L. Gregory, father of L. Laverne Gregory, Baptist representative to Mexico, died Aug. 13 in Kirksville, Mo. Gregory may be addressed at Manuel Terres No. 18, Cto. Medicos, Cd. Satellite, Edo de Mexico. He is a native of Kirksville. His wife, the former Beety Good is a native of St. Louis, Mo. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1968, he worked in a Baptist Book Store in Louisville, Ky.

Dana Stampley, missionary to Ghana, may be addressed at Box 400, Accra, Ghana. She is a native of Bentonla, Miss. Before she was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1961, she was elementary director of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi.

Dr. and Mrs. Van W. Williams III, missionaries to India, may be addressed at 383 Upper Palace, Orchards, Bangalore 560 006 India. He was born in Columbus, Miss., and lived in West Point, Miss., and Memphis, Tenn., before settling in Pontotoc, Miss. The former Sarah McGlamery, she was born in Houston, Tex., and lived in Barranquilla, Colombia, where her parents were missionaries, and Ripley, Miss. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1974, he was a pediatrician, U. S. Navy, Newport (R.I.) Naval Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Adams and Mrs. Mary Vermillion of the Clarke College music faculty attended a workshop on class piano with electronic pianos held recently at the University of South Alabama in Mobile. Sponsored by Wurliitzer, the workshop was led by Dr. Lawrence E. East, who presented his methods described in his book KEYBOARD MAGIC.

Dr. John Lee Taylor, pastor of First Church, Grenada, delivered the keynote address for the Monday morning session of the Arkansas Church Communications Conference at the Baptist Building in Little Rock, Arkansas. The conference was held September 13-14. Dr. Taylor spoke on "Your Church and the Communications Explosion."

Mrs. La Harding, administrative assistant, Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, has been selected as an "Outstanding Young Woman of America" for 1976 by the national Outstanding Young Women of America organization headquartered in Washington, D. C. This is the second time Mrs. Harding has received this recognition.

Mike Carroll was ordained to the gospel ministry August 15, by East End Church, Columbus. He is a 1976 missionary journeyman who will serve as a student worker at the University of Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic. The ordination service was led by the pastor, W. M. Daves. There was a church-wide reception honoring Mike, after the service.

William W. (Bill) Bumstead has resigned as minister of music at Willow Meadows Baptist Church in Houston, Texas, to become President of Articom, Incorporated (Artistic Communications, Inc.), a new publisher and distributor of religious music, recordings and books in Houston, Texas. Articom will make available Mr. Bumstead's conducting and motivational expertise for clinics, conventions, assemblies and festivals through its home office, 2514 W. Holcombe Blvd., Houston, Texas 77030 (713) 687-3641. Articom also has a fund raising division to assist churches, schools and civic organizations in raising needed funds for worthwhile projects. Mr. Bumstead formerly was minister of music at Broadmoor Church, Jackson, Mississippi.



Mrs. Edna Williams, pictured with her pastor, Billy McDaniel, was surprised with the presentation of a Giant Print Bible, one dozen red roses, a two dollar bill and one silver dollar on Sunday, August 22. It was 64 years ago that Mrs. Williams was baptized into the fellowship of the Elam Baptist Church (Yalobusha). She has been a member longer than any other member presently living.



Fancher



Hannaford



Mrs. Dutton



Mrs. McElroy



Mrs. Rodgers



Mrs. Talley

Musical Play Tells About Lottie Moon

Triune Music, Inc. of Nashville announces the release of LOTTIE D by Raymond Brown and Ragan Courtney.

Based on the life of the missionary, Lottie Moon, LOTTIE D was written by Brown and Courtney to focus attention to world hunger.

First performed at the Mission Conference at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1972, LOTTIE D portrays Lottie Moon as a humorous young girl who with a twinkle in her eye "thumbed her nose" at tradition; but, who answered her call and found real joy in serving the cause of Christ.

LOTTIE D is available to churches on a rental basis only from Triune Music.

For more information write — Lottie D, Triune Music, Inc., 824 19th Avenue, South, Nashville, Tennessee 37203.

Clawson To Lead Tour Of Egypt, Israel, Jordan

The department of religion and philosophy of William Carey College will sponsor an eleven-day study tour of Egypt, Jordan, and Israel December 28, 1976 through January 7, 1977.

The tour, led by Dr. William M. Clawson, professor of religion (Old Testament and Archaeology), has been planned to include sites which are most meaningful to Christians. The significance of all visited sites, both archaeological and biblical will be explained in relation to biblical history. Lectures will be given at opportune times prior to visiting certain locations.

The deadline for making reservations for the trip will be November 1. Because of the nature of the tour, primarily one of inspiration and education, the enrollment will be limited. Those wishing to earn three semester hours of college credit may pay the regular tuition fee.

The entire cost, including round trip airfare from Pine Belt Airport, Hattiesburg, will be \$1190.00. Information concerning the details of the tour may be obtained from Dr. William Clawson, William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss. 39401.

Film Spotlights The Dangers Of Noise Pollution

"It's Up To You," an informative new 16mm-sound and color motion picture, presents an exciting and dynamic approach to a problem that affects millions of Americans — the loss of the precious ability to hear. Presented by the E.A.R. Corporation, the film stresses the dangers of noise and why proper hearing protection should be worn.

This 12-minute film is available on free-loan to colleges, church groups, civic and community organizations and adult audiences throughout the country. Distribution is being made by the 26 libraries of Modern Talking Picture Service.

"It's Up To You" features a dramatic trip through a 20' ear to illustrate how the improper use of hearing protection can cause serious and irreversible hearing damage. A highly motivational safety film with excellent effects and superb photography, this film shows how hearing loss can be avoided.

Requests for free-loan playdates for "It's Up To You" should be sent to Modern Talking Picture Service, 2323 New Hyde Park Road, New Hyde Park, New York 11040.

Action

"ACTION" has really worked in First Baptist Church, Pascagoula," states Rev. Clark McMurray, pastor. Bob Gray, minister of education, shares substantial results compiled after two weeks of intensive follow-up.

Some 300 members have been enrolled, including 41 in the pastor's class. This represents a 20 percent increase in enrollment.

After three months of preparation, enrollment week began on August 22. Having assisted the church in its initial ACTION interpretation, Rev. Bryant M. Cummings, state Sunday School Director, assisted in the kick-off activities of the day.

On "Welcome Sunday," Aug. 29, 635 were present in Sunday School; an increase of 121 over the previous Sunday. These results reveal an interesting feature — 70 percent or 210 of the 300 enrolled were Adults!

This is what ACTION has done in one church — there is no limit to what it may do in your church or association.

"Jot" Televised In Bermuda

DEVONSHIRE, Bermuda — When Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Harris, Southern Baptist missionaries, left the Television Workshop in Fort Worth, Tex., last fall they didn't know their cargo would be "pure gold."

They carried with them a present for Bermudan children — the animated television cartoon series, "Jot."

A creation of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, the cartoon shows Jot being forgiven by his mother and his Lord for wrong deeds, according to Mary Lil (Mrs. Robert L.) Harris.

"For the past few months, after each five minute showing of 'Jot' on our regular Saturday night television program, our phone has rung for two hours as the Bermudan children request the mailouts offered during the showing," Mrs. Harris explained. "Then through the week letters come to thank Jot for being their friend and helping them."

LISBON, Portugal — Two new churches have been formed in Portugal, one here and the other in the northern city of Braga. In Braga, a small mission became the First Baptist Church of that city. This new church is the result of cooperative effort between the Portuguese Baptist Home Mission Department and a Brazilian couple from the Brazilian Foreign Mission Board. Here in Lisbon, a church was organized in a suburb, Rio de Mouro. This church had been a mission of Queluz Baptist Church and is a result of that church's efforts with the help of the Portuguese Convention Home Mission Department. This makes a total of 19 new churches in Portugal since 1960.



Carey College On The Coast

The 502nd Air Force Band from Keesler Air Force Base plays Bicentennial music during the dedication of the Gulf Coast campus of William Carey College.



A part of the main building of the coast campus, above, has been remodeled to provide office space for the administration. The fence is around an olympic-size swimming pool.



Miss Mississippi Bobbye Wood, right, the former Miss William Carey College, pauses for a moment to chat with Dr. and Mrs. Earl Kelly, left, and Mrs. Ralph Noonkester. Brian Kelly is front.



Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, addresses the gathering on the Gulf Coast campus. Seated on the platform are, left to right, Dr. John Traylor, secretary of the Christian Education Commission and pastor of First Church, Gulfport; Dr. William Osborn, academic dean for the Gulf Coast campus; Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, president of William Carey College; Greg Bullock, president of the Carey Student Government Association; Dr. Frank Gunn, a Carey trustee and pastor of First Church, Biloxi; and James C. Goodwin, a Carey alumnus and Gulfport banker. Rev. Bobby Perry, a Carey trustee and pastor of First Church, Moss Point, was seated behind Dr. Kelly.



A modern classroom and library building will be a scene of great activity during school sessions on the coast.



Punch and pastries were served to the crowd following the dedication ceremonies at William Carey College's Gulf Coast Campus.

Justices Bar Civil Court Decisions In Church Cases

By Stan L. Hasty
WASHINGTON (BP) — In a major church-state action, the U. S. Supreme Court announced here that civil courts have no right to decide internal ecclesiastical disputes in hierarchical churches.

In a 7-2 decision the high court overturned an earlier ruling by the Illinois Supreme Court in the case of a bishop of the Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church who was defrocked in 1963. In the lengthy legal battle since then, Bishop Dionisije Milivojevic, former head of the church's American-Canadian diocese, had sought to have civil courts reinstate him.

Justice William J. Brennan, Jr., writing for the majority of the court, cited several earlier decisions dating to 1871 in which the tribunal has declined to intervene in internal church disputes.

The new decision announced here states that "where resolution of the (church) disputes cannot be made without extensive inquiry by civil courts into religious law and polity," such courts "shall not disturb the decisions of the highest ecclesiastical tribunal within a church of hierarchical polity."

In addition to the issue of Bishop Milivojevic's defrockment, the court was also faced with the question of who owned church property formerly under the bishop's control. On this dispute, the high court also ruled that the church's authorities must settle ownership questions, not the civil courts.

Two justices, William H. Rehnquist and John Paul Stevens, disagreed, maintaining that some civil jurisdiction over church disputes is inevitable. Rehnquist, who wrote a strongly-worded dissent for himself and Stevens, said that civil courts "must of necessity make some factual inquiry" into such disputes unless they "are to be resolved by brute force."

He elaborated, "If the civil courts are to be bound by any sheet of parchment bearing the ecclesiastical seal and purporting

to be a decree of a church court, they can easily be converted into handmaidens of arbitrary lawlessness."

The other seven justices argued, however, that when church courts have been created to settle such disputes, "The constitution requires that civil courts accept their decisions as binding upon them."

The Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church is a hierarchical church whose seat is the Patriarchate in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. It dates to the schism of 1054 within Catholicism which resulted in the formation of 14 new bodies.

The church's highest legislative, judicial, and administrative authority rests in its Holy Assembly of Bishops which made the 1963 decision to defrock Bishop

Langford Appointed As Trustee For Radio-TV Commission, SBC

A former Mississippian, N. B. Langford Jr., pastor of North Central Baptist Church in Gainesville, will represent Florida Baptists as a member of the board of trustees of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

Langford, a native of Jackson, who was graduated from Mississippi College, has a background in religious broadcasting. The church he pastors has its own television studio.

The Radio and Television Commission is the world's largest producer of religious broadcasts for public service time. Radio and television programs produced by the Fort Worth-based Baptist agency are heard on more than 3,710 stations weekly by an estimated 100,000,000 listeners.

As pastor, Langford leads a church broadcast program that includes broadcasting Sunday morning and evening worship services, televising all revivals, January Bible Studies and other special services. The church has satellite missions and serves the Lord's Supper to shut-ins, via television.

A native Mississippian, Langford pastored churches in Mississippi, Kentucky, and Alabama before going to Gainesville in 1963. He and Mrs. Langford have two children, Nathan, 15, and Nancy Elizabeth, 13.

ACTION Media Helps Available

RIDGECREST, N.C. — A multi-media promotion plan designed to support the Southern Baptist ACTION Sunday School Enrollment plan was introduced recently during Sunday School Leadership Conferences at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, here.

The promotional materials, which advertise the ACTION plan for enrolling new people in Bible study, are being provided by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board through a Nashville, Tenn., advertising agency.

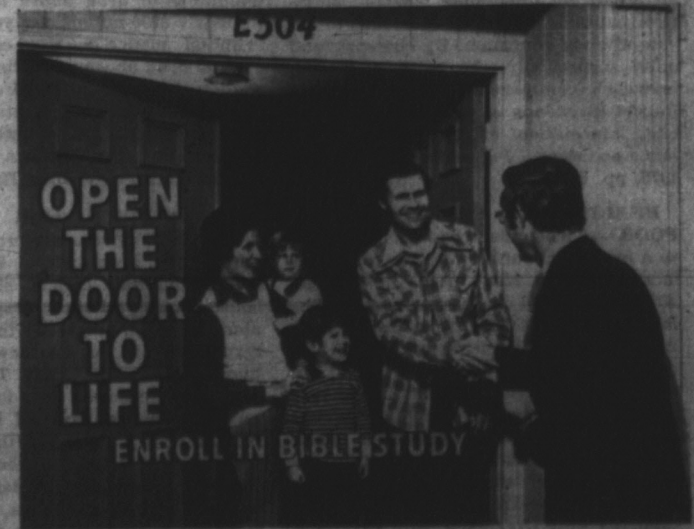
The available materials, including two 30-second radio and television commercials, newspaper ads and colorful billboards, have been prepared to help Southern Baptist associations promote ACTION campaigns.

Associations will pay only for local billboard and newspaper space or radio and television time, along with a small service fee for mailing and handling, since production costs for the materials were paid by the Sunday School Board.

The advertising materials are available through the Robert Fields Advertising Agency, and the firm's professional services are offered without charge. For example, the agency will help an association determine total costs

for a campaign and help with the scheduling and placement of advertising.

Information can be obtained by writing the Fields Advertising Agency at 1205 Eighth Avenue South, Nashville, Tenn. 37203.



Osyka To Build Fellowship Hall

Members of the Building Committee of the Osyka Baptist Church are pictured breaking ground for a new fellowship hall. Left to right, the Rev. Drew D. Blanton, pastor, Mrs. Dewey Byrd, Johnny Ball, Mrs. Glen Varnado, and Mrs. J. B. Welch (not pictured, Karl Ott, Jr. and Jerry Craft.) The Stickney Construction Company of McComb will build the structure, expected to be completed by December.

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Bold Mission Decade

Evangelizing and "Congregationalizing" will be big words among Baptists during the last four years of this decade. These are the words adopted to characterize the efforts of the Home Mission Board during this period.

"Congregationalize" is a new word, but it fits into the mold that is needed for this emphasis.

The twin aims are to make the gospel available to every person in the nation and to give every person the opportunity of being a part of a New Testament fellowship of believers.

These are ambitious aims, and the Home Mission Board is gearing up to accomplish them. During Home Mission Board week at Ridgecrest this summer more than 2,000 persons gathered to give thought to ways and means of getting the double-faceted operation under way. Representatives were present from the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, the Brotherhood Commission, and the Stewardship Commission along with Home Mission Board personnel.

By special invitation the editors of 19 Baptist state papers and Baptist Press representatives were there.

This is all a part of the Southern Baptist Convention's Bold Mission Advance for the last 25 years of

this century, and Mississippi Baptists will be found "right in there pitching with the rest of them" in an all-out effort to accomplish the goals that have been established.

The fact of the matter is, Mississippi's Bold Mission Thrust was launched two years ago; and it is already well on the way toward the accomplishment of those very goals.

We call it The Decade of Advance.

The Margaret Lackey Offering for State Missions, which is a companion to our Season of Prayer for State Missions Sept. 12 to 15, will have a great deal to do with the speed with which we can move toward the realization of the goals.

The Decade of Advance calls for the establishment of 100 new churches in Mississippi by 1985. There have been 40 new congregations established during the last two years. So we already have our sights set on trying to share the gospel with every person and seeking to make a New Testament fellowship available to everyone.

So as to not confuse the issue, we call those New Testament fellowships Baptist churches or missions. The Home Mission Board, realizing the vastness of the task on a nationwide basis, is simply seeking to get some kind of a gathering patterned on the New Testament within the range of every person in the nation. In the total Margaret Lackey off-

ering goal of \$275,000 is a major item of \$199,300 for new church expansion. Mississippi stands on the verge of a sizeable population expansion as new industries move in and people migrate to the "sun belt." The Gulf Coast is attracting new residents. In order to be ready to evangelize and "congregationalize" these new residents, sites for new churches must be purchased before they arrive. After they get here land where they are will be too high.

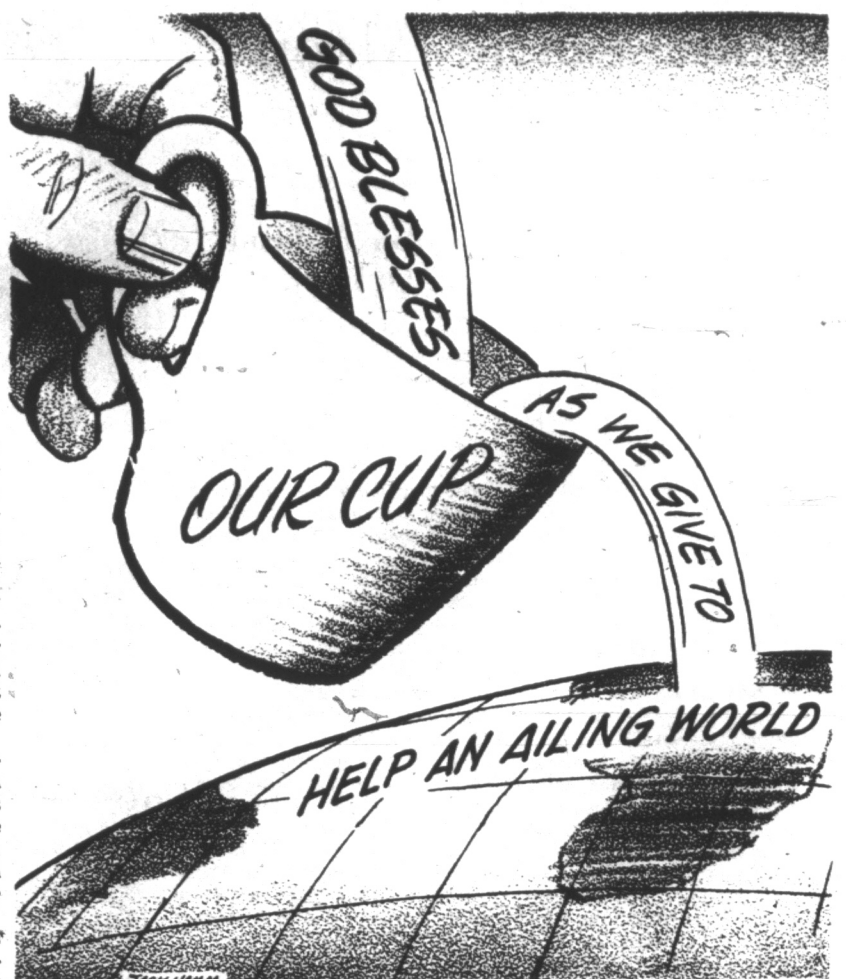
The likelihood is that the newcomers will not have come from such a Christian environment as is to be found in Mississippi. While Mississippi has its moral problems, they are not to be compared with those in some other sections of the nation.

No doubt a strong Baptist witness in this state is responsible for a better atmosphere. Sometimes it seems we're fighting a rear-guard action as we slowly retreat from our moral positions, but we must continue to take a stand for righteousness and be ready to make an impact on new arrivals in the state.

This is what we are trying to do as a part of our Decade of Advance.

We readily join forces with the Home Mission Board in a Bold Mission Thrust to be felt across the United States.

We are hammering away already on our impact in Mississippi.



'I Shall Not Want'—Psa. 23:1

Book Reviews

Foreign Mission Graded Series Books Available

RICHMOND — Mission study books for the Southern Baptist 1976 Foreign Mission Graded Series have been released to Baptist Book Stores, according to G. Norman Price, associate secretary in the Foreign Mission Board's department of missionary education. They were published by Convention Press.

"The graded series is one of our chief points of impact in missionary education," Dr. Price related, "because churches all over the convention are using them."

"It keeps them (the churches) aware of world needs and the work of our missionaries," he added.

The theme for the four books in the series is schools and student work. The books are published by the Sunday School Board. Teaching guides prepared by the Woman's Missionary Union are available for each level and a resource booklet, "Training Christian Leaders for Tomorrow," is also available for each mission study teacher. The resource booklet was prepared by the board's missionary education department.

The adult mission study book, *Stronger Than Mushrooms*, (47 pp., \$1.70) is about student work in Mexico. It was written by David P. Daniell, a Southern Baptist representative in Mexico. A filmstrip and cassette tape entitled, "Uncovering Christians," has been prepared to be used in connection with the adult study.

Until It Rains, (63 pp., \$1.70) written by Joy Phillips (Mrs. Charlie W.) Fenner, is the mission study book prepared for the youth level. It is about school work in Japan where Mrs. Fenner is a missionary. A motion picture, "Delicate Force," is available through Baptist Film Centers to be used with the youth book.

For the older children, *School Someday* (73 pp., 90c) has been written. Marjorie Moore (Mrs. O. K.) Armstrong, a former Foreign Mission Board staff member, wrote this book about a school boy in Rhodesia.

The mission study book for the younger children was written by Lee Hollaway, editor of *Crosser*, a Brotherhood Commission Magazine for young boys. It is entitled *Which Way to Feed To?* (90c) and illustrates Baptist mission schools as seen through the eyes of a young national child.

I HAVE HEARD THE RAINBOW by Wilda Fancher (Broadman, \$3.95, 128 pp.) Wilda Fancher, writer of "Beyond the Ironing Board" column in the Baptist Record, English and journalism teacher at Murrah High School in Jackson, wife of James Fancher, evangelist, and mother of three sons, is the author of this inspirational new book. She says, "This is not a how-to-do book as such; rather, it's a how-I-do book, whose implications are that how-I-do may help in how-you-do about becoming a gardener for the fruit of the Spirit." She explains the title: "Just as the size of the raindrops affects the amount of each color in the rainbow, just so does the intensity of an experience affect what I heard of God's greatness, goodness, love, power, and other traits." These makings of a rainbow are always in existence. And when I listen, I can hear the rainbow. In her own original and straightforward way, Mrs. Fancher talks about the different colors of the rainbow and what the colors symbolize to her. In these heart-touching chapters, she tells in prose and

poetry of her experiences in listening to God's voice. Some of the material was adapted from her columns and was previously printed in the Baptist Record.

THE BIBLICAL WORLD — A DICTIONARY OF BIBLICAL ARCHEOLOGY Edited by Charles F. Pfeiffer (Broadman, 640 pp., \$12.95) An attractive Broadman edition of a book first published by Baker. It is said to be the first dictionary of Biblical archeology which has been available to Bible students. Here is a treasure of material concerning Bible lands as revealed by the excavations of scholars in recent years.

THE BAPTIST ALMANAC AND REPOSITORY OF INDISPENSABLE KNOWLEDGE by Reuben Herring (Broadman, 150 pp., \$5.95) Vignettes of Baptist history. Brief, and often thrilling, stories of Baptist preachers, churches, and laymen, that reveal experiences of Baptists in their struggle for religious freedom, their growth to become America's largest evangelical denomination. One will have a new appreciation for his Baptist fathers when he reads these pages.

HISTORY OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION — Revised Edition by A. M. Hunt (Convention Press, paper, 240 pp., \$2.95) The story of the WMU and its mighty missionary ministry among Southern Baptist women. Here is the story of how WMU came to be, of the dedicated women who have led its work through the decades of its service, and of the development of its broad ministries and missionary witness.

GEORGE MULLER — Delighted in God by Roger Steer (Harold Shaw, 351 pp., \$7.95) A major new biography of a man who dared to believe the promises of God. How God made a Prussian playboy into one of the mightiest spiritual leaders of the 19th century. Thousands of orphans were cared for, missionary work was done, a mighty Scripture distribution program was developed, and other ministries were carried on, without asking any person for one cent of support. Muller learned early in life to depend upon God for everything, and to simply pray and tell God when he had a need. His life of faith was an inspiration in his day, and to all Christians who know about him in this day.

Associational Workers' Training

Associational workers are being encouraged to participate in officers' training conferences that will be held Sept. 13, 14, and 16.

There will be six Associational Officers Training Conferences, and they will be a part of the Mississippi Plan for Associational Advance that was inaugurated May 18 in Jackson.

On Monday, Sept. 13, the conferences will be at First Church, Wiggins and at First Church, Tupelo. On Tuesday, Sept. 14, the conferences will be held at First Church, Brookhaven, and at First Church, Batesville. The churches for Thursday, Sept. 16, will be First Church, Yazoo City, and First Church, Newton.

Success in the Decade of Advance and in the Home Mission Board's

Bold Mission Thrust would demand that every avenue of effort be utilized in order to meet the goals that have been established. The associations are vital links in the chains of effort already under way all across our state and the nation.

These meetings will begin at 7 p. m. at each location and conclude at 9 p. m. The associational workers are urged to determine which will be the nearest conference and attend it.

Conferences will be conducted for these associational workers:

Directors of missions and moderators; missions committee chairmen; directors of evangelism; Sunday School general officers, adult directors, children's directors, and preschool directors; music officers; Pastors' Conference leaders; Church Training general officers, adult directors, youth directors,

children's directors, and preschool directors; church recreation leaders; Brotherhood directors; Baptist Men's directors; and RA directors.

Woman's Mission Union has already training its workers. There will be no associational training conferences for WMU workers in these instances.

The May 18 initiation of the Mississippi Plan for Associational Advance was determined to have been an outstanding success. It is the hope of state and associational staff members and officers that these conference will reach even more of those who will be involved in associational activities during the coming year.

The spread of the gospel in Mississippi and around the world demands every effort that we can put forth that will be useful. These meetings surely will qualify.

On The Moral Scene

POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS: TV POWER IS A MYTH — "By popular myth, television presents a quite authentic picture of politics, and most voters get their knowledge of election issues from network TV news. Neither myth stands the test of fact. . . . The nightly network newscasts present a picture of politics that is thoroughly lacking in substance. They ignore major issues. They ignore the candidates' personal qualifications for the presidency. . . . The myth is that 'images,' more than either issues or parties, win votes. . . . The three main factors of television's issue coverage — the infrequent mention, then only in fleeting references, plus films showing unrelated and distracting 'action' while the audio gives a glancing blow to an issue — all create an impossible learning situation that adds nothing of substance to the voters' civic education. By contrast, and quite surprisingly, the candidates' own television commercials prove to be an important means of improving the voters' information of where candidates stand on issues." *Psychology Today*, July 1976, pp. 61-62

HEALTH CARE FOR THE URBAN POOR — "When the urban poor can walk to a physician's office, they have trouble locating one. A study made in Chicago, which is typical in this respect of any large city, showed one physician for each 750 people in affluent districts but only one for each 2,000 in poor areas. If the urban poor are finally hospitalized, they are characteristically uncomfortable. A survey of 50 public hospitals in great metropolitan concentrations found these places poorly staffed, funded and equipped, while, at the same time, their facilities were overtaxed. Not surprisingly, therefore, the urban poor became the

subject of dismal health statistics. Their infant mortality rate is 50 percent higher than that of the well-to-do, and their maternal mortality rate is 100 percent greater. There is more tuberculosis in ghettos and a disproportionate number of old people deprived of adequate medical care." *America*, August 21, 1976, p. 68.

THE HIGH COSTS OF DRUG ABUSE — The measurable costs of drug abuse are divided into five categories: Property losses as a result of drug related crime are estimated at \$6.3-billion per year. Loss of productivity on the job and morbidity (days lost at work) is estimated at \$1.5-billion per year. Health costs, which are measured in terms of consumption of health services directly attributable to drug abuse are estimated at nearly \$200-million per year. The total criminal justice system costs with regard to drug abuse are estimated at \$630-million per year. Direct drug abuse program costs from federal, state, local, and private sources are estimated at \$1.2-billion per year. (Focus, May, 1976, Gloria Cousar and Joan Harris)

PRISON POPULATION EXPLOSION — America's prisons are crowded as they have never been before. Prisoners are overflowing into camps, ships, halfway houses and probation programs at an alarming rate, and today there is literally no place to put the new convicts as they leave the courtroom. The result has been to increase the risks for society and to raise the likelihood of bloody prison riots. . . . to say nothing of the increase in suffering for those on the inside. Because the crowding problem is already severe, judges, wardens, and parole boards are stretching the rules to their limits by releasing criminals sooner, sen-

tencing more to terms of probation rather than incarceration, packing two or three people into one-person cells, continuing to use ancient facilities that should be closed down and generally taking emergency measures that they shouldn't have to take. According to Mike Ann, spokesman for the federal Bureau of Prisons, the total US prison population increased 11 percent last year, and already in the first four months of 1976, the federal population has gone up eight percent. The federal system alone houses 21 percent more than its full capacity and is receiving new convicts at the rate of about 100 a week. (The New Republic, June 6, 1976, p. 5)

DIVORCE AND WORKING WIVES — The divorce rate may be rocketing, but don't blame it on the increasing number of working wives. In 1970 there were more broken marriages among young housewives than their counterparts with jobs. After comparing U. S. Census figures for 1960, 1969 and 1970, sociologist Elwood Carlson found that "today work for women is coming to be associated with stable rather than unstable marriages." Among women in their late teens and early 20's, 84 percent of the working wives remained married compared with 82 percent of their nonworking peers. Overall there are still more broken marriages among working women than among nonworkers but the difference is narrowing. Carlson cautions that "just because the trend shows that working wives and unstable marriages are no longer associated does not mean that a particular marriage will benefit (or suffer) from two working spouses." (Newsline, Jody Gaylin, Psychology Today, 7-76)

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Preventive Measures -- The Pastor's Role

By Dr. Clifton Perkins, Director
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Relations

When a church is seeking a pastor, great care should be taken to follow God's will in matching the man with the church. This makes for a good beginning and will go far in avoiding conflict.

Once the relationship has been formed the pastor should take some very important steps that will help keep conflict to a minimum. It goes without saying, he should be a person of genuine Christian character and integrity. He should seek to develop a reasonable degree of emotional and spiritual maturity. He cannot hope to counsel and lead others unless he has attained considerable maturity himself.

One of the pastor's most important functions is that of preaching. The people want to hear the latest word from God, and it is the pastor's responsibility to bring it to them. This task demands day by day work and prayer in the pastor's study.

Speaking in a light vein, somebody has described an orator in this way: "If you were to ask an ordinary man, 'what does two plus two equal?' he would answer, 'four.' But if you were to ask an orator the same question, he would say, 'When in the course of human events it becomes necessary to take the numeral of the second denomination and add it to the figure two, I say to you, and I say it without fear of successful contradiction, that the result will invariably be four.'"

Oratory in that sense is of little value to confused people seeking inspiration and guidance. The pastor as a preacher is to be an intelligent bearer of God's trust applied to man's deepest needs as he faces the issues of present day living. No other qualities or achievements of the pastor will completely compensate for ineffective preaching.

In addition to being a preacher of God's word, the pastor is expected to assume the role of leadership in the church. He is not to be a dictator but a wise and prayerful leader. He will make his leadership more effective by leading the church to function democratically through recognized committees and organizations.

The pastor should work hard at his task through a well-planned and balanced schedule of work. This will prevent over-emphasis

in one area, while neglecting other important matters.

The worthy pastor will demonstrate love toward all members of the church regardless of their attitude toward him. His pastoral ministry must embrace all the families in the church.

Let me conclude this brief summary of the pastor's role in preventing conflict by quoting Edward J. Gibson who wrote an excellent article in "The Baptist Program," May, 1962.

"Pastors need to beware of dangers in everyday life. We like to shine. We have the tendency to take the glory for what God does in our church through us. . . Perhaps the tendency to shine is an over emphasis on 'my' and 'mine.'"

"We often whine. The sin of complaining is not reserved for laymen. Pastors are also guilty.

We gripe about attendance, churches, and people not cooperating. We may expect more of others than we want others to expect of us. We can easily become full-time whiners.

"We like to recline. We can skimp on sermon preparation, daily devotions, and even soul-winning, while continuing to preach 'full dedication' with vigor.

"Finally, we may have a line. Religious speech can become a conglomeration of trite phrases, ministerial jargon — words we spout with great emotion. This line may be unintelligible to the lost man, to children, and even many adult Christians.

"Gentlemen, beware of being tempted to shine, whine, recline, or spout a line. Then things will be fine."

Next week "Preventive measures — The Role of the Church."



Sing for Joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth. (Isa. 40:13).
—RNS Photo

BSSB Readies "Rec Lab" For Church Staff, Others

NASHVILLE — Lake Yale Baptist Assembly, Leesburg, Fla., and Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Glorieta, N. M., will be the sites of this year's Rec Labs, which are sponsored by the church recreation department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

The Rec Lab at Lake Yale will be Jan. 6-12 and the Glorieta Rec Lab, Jan. 27-Feb. 2. These sessions are designed to aid church staff and denominational workers in accomplishing one of the major efforts of Christian recreation — the development and implementation of recreation programs into opportunities for worship, spiritual growth and commitment.

Among workshops planned for both weeks are accredited camping, advanced puppet construction, basic drama techniques, retreats, clowning and teaching the Bible creatively. The Glorieta lab is offering for the first time a skiing conference where participants may ski on the Santa Fe Ski slopes. Extra fees for equipment and instruction will be charged to persons taking this course.

Participants at the Lake Yale meeting will have 37 workshops from which to select the week's curriculum. Among program personnel will be Cecil Sherman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C., as worship leader, and Charles Downey, deacon and

businessman from Quitman, Tex., as music leader.

Those attending the Glorieta Rec Lab will be able to select from 29 workshops, including the skiing conference. Bill Sherman, pastor of Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville, will be worship leader and Don Blackley, minister of music, Shiloh Baptist Church, Dallas, will be the music leader.

Enrollment is limited to church staff members, denominational workers and their husbands and wives. Participants are expected to attend the entire week and to take a full conference course. Children may not attend.

Cost of each Rec Lab is \$110.00 for each person, including a \$25.00 deposit to be sent for each reservation. This includes tuition, room and board, linens, notebook and one round trip between the airport and the meeting sites. Reservations may be sent to R. Malmes Rawls, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn. 37234.

FENI, Bangladesh — Easter Sunday was a momentous occasion for Christians here in the Noakhali District, according to Southern Baptist Missionary Guinevere (Mrs. James E.) Young. Nine persons were baptized into the fellowship of Feni Baptists. This was their first baptismal. They also met in their own building for the first time.

"Gates" Is New Poetry Magazine

GATES is a new magazine dedicated exclusively to the publishing of poetry and the graphic arts by Christians.

GATES is published quarterly (Oct., Jan., April, July) by Dove Press, Inc., a non-profit organization, Grand Rapids, Minnesota 55744.

GATES was established to provide a vehicle of expression for Christian poets and artists. Poetry and art that exalts Jesus Christ will be presented in GATES.

Subscriptions to GATES are available at \$4.00 per year U. S.; \$7.00 for 2 years U. S. Canadian and foreign subscriptions are \$5.00 for one year; and \$9.00 for two years. Subscriptions should include money order or check. No subscriptions will be billed. Allow 6 weeks for entry of new subscriptions and/or changes of address.

Poetry and graphic arts are solicited and encouraged! Poetry should be limited to three poems per submission. As many submissions may be sent as desired. Deadline for each issue is two months prior to publication date. Graphic arts should be black and white, any media. Size should not exceed 10" x 12". For return of all submitted material a stamped self-addressed envelope (or return mailer) must be included. Please include a brief biographical sketch to be used in the magazine should your submission be selected for publication.

All subscriptions, address changes, and submissions should be sent to GATES, P. O. Box 67, Grand Rapids, Minnesota 55744.

Missionaries On Furlough

Mississippi missionaries now on furlough are:

Georgia Mae Ogburn, Chile, 2007 A 24th Ave., Meridian; Margaret Fairburn, Liberia, c-o Mrs. Earl Skinner, Rt. 4, Tylertown; R. T. and Fran Buckley, Bangladesh, 921 Jackson St., Columbia; Mary Alice Ditsworth, Indonesia, 4410 Orchard Road, Pascagoula; Charles and Elizabeth Ray, Thailand, 117 Oak Drive, Brandon; Elton and Dottie Gray, Okinawa, c-o Calvary Baptist Church, Box 1008, Tupelo; Parkes and Martha Ellen Marier, Guam, 715 East Northside Drive, Jackson;

Jim and Carolyn McAtee, Indonesia, c-o Dr. Charles Myers, Alta Woods Baptist Church, 168 Colonial Drive, Jackson; John and Fonce McFadden, Nigeria, 602 McCord St., West Point;

Edd and Freda Trott, 208 East Main St., Clinton; Bill and Carolyn Smith, South Brazil, 3331 Old Canton Road, Jackson.

Others who will arrive in Mississippi this fall are Mary Jo Stewart, Casilla 4725, Quito, Ecuador; Rachel Dubard, Box 1416, Monrovia, Liberia; Major and June McDaniel, CPO 1361, Seoul, Korea 100; and Charles and Indy Whitten, Carrera San Jeronimo, 18 44, Madrid 14, Spain.

Fuller Seminary Names John Watts To Faculty

PASADENA, Calif. (BP)—John D. W. Watts, who spent 27 years as a Southern Baptist missionary, has been appointed professor of Old Testament at Fuller Theological Seminary here.

Watts, 55, was professor of Old Testament at Serampore College in West Bengal, India, before he resigned in 1975. From 1964-70, he was president of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland. He helped establish the seminary, which opened in 1949.

The Laurens, S. C., native, who has also served as visiting professor of Old Testament at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., is the son of missionaries. He spent his early boyhood in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Later the family lived in New Orleans, where his father, J. Wash Watts, taught at New Orleans Seminary for 36 years.

The younger Watts received the bachelor of arts degree from Mississippi College, Clinton, the master of theology degree from the New Orleans Seminary (then Baptist Bible Institute) and the doctor of theology degree from Southern Seminary.

E. H. Westmoreland Dies In Houston

HOUSTON (BP) — E. Hermond Westmoreland, a retired pastor and Southern Baptist denominational leader, died in Houston at the age of 70.

Westmoreland retired as pastor of South Main Church in Houston in 1971 after serving as pastor for almost 34 years. He served the church as minister at large after retirement.

During his pastorate there, he led the church from a membership of 2,334 to 5,065 and from a budget of \$66,630 to \$327,747.

Denominational service included membership on the Foreign Mission Board, chairman of trustees for Golden Gate Seminary, president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, vice president of Southern Baptist Convention, and trustee for Southern Seminary. Before going to the Houston church in 1938 he served churches in Monticello, Ark., and Leland, Miss. He was a native of Arkansas.

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The first church in the village of Atchibawdaw, Togo, was organized recently. Southern Baptist Missionaries Morris G. and Carol Pruitt have been working in the area for two years. The church called as its first pastor Attah Ayah, the first convert of the new work. (MB photo by Morris G. Pruitt)

Atchibawdaw, Togo— A Village Of Firsts

ATCHIBAWDAW, Togo—Though the world took little notice, history was made in the village of Atchibawdaw when the first Baptist church of the area was organized here recently.

The new church called as its pastor the first convert of the area, Attah Ayah, and erected a place of worship.

It started when Mr. and Mrs. Morris G. Pruitt, Southern Baptist missionaries from Texas, began their second term of missionary service in Togo by moving from the capital city of Lome to central Togo, 200 miles to the north. Shortly after their arrival, they began a small informal Bible study in their home. Among those attending was Ayah, their gardener.

In 1971, Ayah accepted Christ and began to witness, tithe and work side-by-side with the mis-

sionaries.

In July 1974, another young man who had recently become a Christian felt called to the village of Atchibawdaw. He went, talked to the villagers and promised them a missionary would visit.

The Pruitts went to the village and took Ayah with them. The missionaries and Ayah presented the gospel story in about an hour. There were 20 converts.

"To walk into a village and work about an hour and find 20 converts is an experience that mere words can never describe," Pruitt said. "In fact, it is a miracle!"

After this miracle came two years of hard work and at least a church. Ayah attended pastor's school while the missionaries continued to preach. Because of this church, Baptist witness has now spread to two other villages.

First Woman Elected As Annuity Representative

DALLAS, Tex. — Mrs. Nadine Bjorkman of North Little Rock, Ark., has been elected annuity representative for the Southern Baptist Annuity Board in Arkansas.

The election of Mrs. Bjorkman by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention marks the first time in the Board's 88-year history for a woman to be named officially to the post.

Mrs. Bjorkman, administrative secretary of the Arkansas Convention, will assume her duties Jan. 1, 1977. She will succeed Dr. T. K. Rucker, who is retiring Dec. 31.

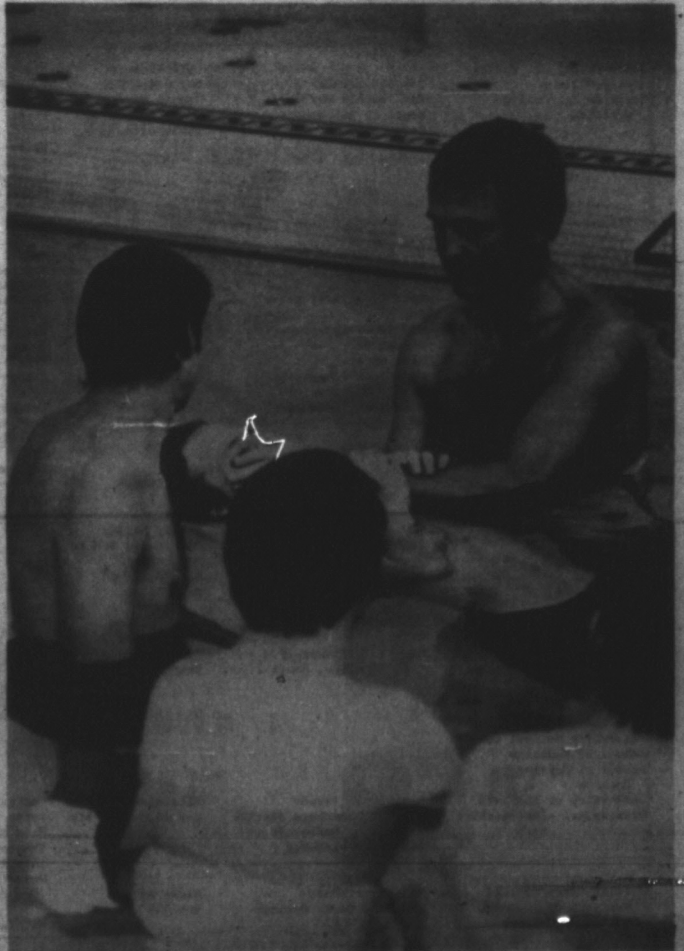
The Annuity Board, an SBC agency providing retirement and insurance for the convention's

ministers and employees, currently has 17 annuity secretaries in various state conventions.

As representative, Mrs. Bjorkman will direct annuity work in Arkansas. She will be charged with enrolling new participants, as well as cooperating with state representatives in promoting the Board's programs.

Besides administrative secretary, Mrs. Bjorkman also has served as secretary to the state executive secretary of the Arkansas Convention.

A native of Charleston, Ark., Mrs. Bjorkman previously has been employed by the First Baptist Church of Fort Smith, Ark., and the Fort Smith Public Schools System.



Learning To Do It Right

In addition to theology, languages, and the other academic pursuits of a seminary education, there is also the practical side: how to preach, perform a wedding, and even how to baptize. Clay Carter, pastor of Beechland Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky., is seen here working with students at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary on the proper method of baptism.

Seminar To Offer Helps For Beautifying Churches

NASHVILLE — The first Church Beautiful Seminar, which will focus on various ways to beautify church buildings and property, will be offered here Sept. 27-29, at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board by the board's church architecture department.

The meeting is planned for church staff members, church properties and space committee members and other interested church representatives according

to seminar director Charles Businaro, who is a designer in the architectural services section of the department.

Registration is still open for the three-day seminar, which will begin Monday afternoon and conclude Wednesday afternoon.

An important feature of the seminar will be specialized help for individual church situations. Each participating church repre-

sentative will leave with a written statement of areas that need improvement along with specific recommendations for implementing the suggested improvements.

Attention also will be given to planning, organizing and financing a Church Beautiful Emphasis in the local church.

In addition, a minimal amount of post-seminar consultation will be available Thursday and Fri-

day in the board's auditor designing and landscaping.

The registration fee is \$20, which covers the cost of seminar materials and two noon meals. Each person is responsible for travel expenses, lodging and additional meals.

Interested persons should contact the Church Program Training Center, 1225 Ninth Avenue North, Nashville, Tenn. 37234.

Submitted by State Department of Student Work - Rev. Ralph B. Winters, Director

Set Free!

By Wm. J. Fallis
Galatians 4:8 to 5:12

Freedom is a great word in the Christian vocabulary. When Jesus read the Scriptures in the synagogue at Nazareth, he selected a passage from Isaiah that emphasized freedom. It was more than a political freedom; it was spiritual freedom that could endure political tyranny. It grew out of a relationship with God in Christ permeated with trust, love, honesty, and devotion. Instead of binding persons to rigid structures, it opened the way for them to become their true selves and to relate to one another in the family of God. While appreciating the past, believers respond to the Spirit in new expressions of worship and ministry. Freedom in Christ is both a gift and a challenge for those who believe.

The Lesson Explained
Paul Rebukes The Galatians
(Gal. 4:8-11)

These verses follow immediately the second passage in last Sunday's lesson. Paul had just assured the Galatians that because they had accepted Christ as Lord in faith, they were God's sons and knew him as Father. But now he must face a sad reality: that the Galatians were being tempted—

and some were yielding—to go back to a legalistic religion. In verses 8-9 he contrasts Christianity with paganism, from which they had been saved. Now the Judaizers are urging them to renounce their faith in Christ and become Jews before they could be Christians. He seems to be equating paganism with legalistic Judaism as kinds of bondage. Their celebration of special days and seasons shows how they are slipping into Judaism. Finally, Paul's anxiety wells up with emotion: "I am afraid for you: Can it be that all my work for you has been for nothing?" (TEV).

Stand Fast In Freedom
(Gal. 5:1-6)
Against the background of his strict Jewish upbringing, Paul saw Christian faith as an exciting freedom. It was also freedom for those who had been enslaved by paganism. So, here he was pleading that the Galatians not give up that freedom. The symbol of Judaizing bondage was circumcision. This was the rite required by God of Abraham as "a token of the covenant between me and you" (Gen. 17:11). Paul fully accepted circumcision for Jews, but he insisted it was not necessary for Gentiles who became Christians. Accepting the rite meant that a man had to obey all of Jewish law (v. 3).

But even more serious, it meant that a man was substituting obedience to law for his professed faith in Christ. When that hap-

pened, Christ could not help him (v. 2). He had cut himself off from Christ (v. 4) because law and grace are mutually exclusive. On the other hand, Paul said that he and others like him were eagerly hoping for God's promised righteousness to come through the Spirit by faith (v. 5). In union with Christ, circumcision does not matter, one way or the other. "What matters is faith that works through love" (TEV). That combination is far more significant than obeying all the laws on the books, and that was the freedom Paul was standing for.

Continue What Started So Well
(Gal. 5:7-10)
Then Paul seemed to pause in his writing and remember how things were before the Judaizers came. He used the same Greek verb in verse 7 as when he compared the Christian life to a foot-race (1 Cor. 9:24-26). The Galatians had started well. Then he asked who had interfered with their progress; it certainly was not God who had called them in the first place. As the Galatians thought about the answer to the questions, Paul quoted a proverb (v. 9) to show that what seems to be a little evil can easily permeate the whole church. But he was not discouraged. Joined with them in the Lord, Paul was sure they would hold to what they had been taught. At the same time, he affirmed that whoever was trying to unsettle them would have to endure God's judgment.

McDowell Road To Honor B.S. Hilburn For 60 Years Of Preaching

Sunday morning, September 12, at 11 a.m., the McDowell Road Church, Jackson, will honor B. S. Hilburn on his 60th anniversary of preaching.

Mr. Hilburn was converted June 11, 1916 and surrendered to preach August 12, 1916. He was educated at Jones County Jr. College, Ellisville, Mississippi and New Orleans Seminary. He held pastorates in Louisiana, New Mexico, Mississippi and Alabama. He served four years with the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board as state evangelist.

He resigned the Calvary Baptist Church, Mobile, Alabama, in 1956 to enter the field of full-time evangelism. Since retirement, he has been kept busy in revival, interim pastorates supply and Bible conference work. He has published a book "That Ye May Know."

At 83 he is still active in preaching and teaching. He and his wife, Cammie, live on their farm at Big Creek in Jones County. They have five sons, one of whom is John C. Hilburn, pastor of McDowell Road Church.

Revival Dates

Shady Grove (George): September 12-18; Rex Yancey, Tupelo, evangelist; Leon Westerhouse, Birmingham, singer; services at 7:15 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. during the week; 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday; N. H. Smith, pastor.

Johnson Creek, State Line: Sept. 26-Oct. 1; Troy Smith, evangelist; Charles Englebert, minister of music; Sunday services at 11 a.m.; lunch at church; singing and preaching services following; served 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday nights; James T. Harrison, pastor.

Iuka (Tishomingo): September 12-17; Gene Fant of Hampton, Virginia, evangelist; Ron Roberts of Iuka, singer; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; noonday services Monday through Friday 12:25; evening services at 7:30.

Union (Wilkinson): September 17, 18, 19; services at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday; at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday, with dinner at the church and singing in the afternoon; Rev. Billy Thomas, Immanuel, Natchez, evangelist; Rev. W. O. Kimbriel, pastor.

SAN FERNANDO, Trinidad — The first Baptist music festival in Trinidad was held here recently. Southern Baptist Music Missionaries Don and Nancy Snell planned and coordinated the historic event, according to Gayle A. Hogg, Southern Baptist missionary press representative. The festival was held in Naparima Bowl, a major auditorium.

Prayer Lift For Pastors: Sept. 12-18

Simpson

Sept. 12
J. L. Layton, Athens
Jerry McRaney, Bethlehem
M. F. Wallace, Beulah
G. P. Buffin, Braxton
Marvin Graham, Calvary
Sept. 13
Tommie Mangum, Campbells Creek
Wardell Kennedy, Coat
Billy Guest, Corinth
W. J. Henderson, D'Lo
Ray Fuller, Dry Creek
Sept. 14
Howard Scarborough, Emmanuel
Sam Simmons, Everett
Caley Nichols, Eastside
Troy Land, Fellowship
Daniel Watts, Goodwater
Sept. 15
J. M. Thornton, Goshen
Leon Stuart, Gum Springs
Tommy Anderson, Harrisville
Troy Grubbs, Holly Grove
W. J. Craft, Jupiter
Sept. 16
Charles Burnham, Kennedy Springs
Oliver Ladnier, Magee, First
Houston Adkins, Mendenhall, 1st
William Wright, Main Street
Howard McLeone, Macedonia
Sept. 17
Ben Carlisle, Mt. Zion
Delma Gipson, New Bethlehem
W. J. Murray, New Hope
Jimmy Walker, Oak Grove
Jerome McClendon, Palestine
Sept. 18
David Yeager, Pinola
Barney Padgett, Pine Grove
Johnnie Amason, Pleasant Hill, Magee
Jack Douglas, Pleasant Hill, New Hebron
Johnny Jones, Pleasant Valley

"The first evidence that a church is dying is its effort to limit the freedom of its pulpit." — Jess Moody

Only the impulses that follow yielding are God inspired."

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Retired Missionary Begins 550-Mile Jog To Richmond

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prisons, stadiums, and other locations, Reid will challenge youth and others to clean living, to acceptance of Christ as Savior, and to commitment to the will of God.

Publicity about the world relief offering has scared off some churches, Reid said, but he stressed that the giving will be strictly voluntary.

"I'll emphasize the importance of storehouse tithing through the

local church," he explained, "and then I'll challenge people to give up something that would be harmful to them anyway — like cold drinks or candy — for the period of my run to help people around the world."

During his appearances Reid will perform feats of physical strength which seem incredible for a man his age.

In one such stunt he clasps his hands and challenges 32 men (equal to two football teams and two basketball teams) to pull his hands apart. He also accepts the same challenge with two cars or two horses doing the pulling.

Another feat allows someone with an 18-pound hammer to break a rock on Reid's stomach. Or he may recite poetry as an auto rest on his stomach.

As dangerous as these may seem, Reid says he runs more risk in a wrestling challenge in which he gets down on his all fours and defies anyone to turn him over. His only requirement is that the challenger not catch his hands below the wrist or his feet below the ankle.

So far, he said, he's been turned over only once. And that was by a 185-pound wrestler who took him on after Reid had just outlasted another opponent. Reid weighs 150 pounds.

Expenses for Reid's distance jogging are being underwritten by a group of his friends so that all of the offering can go to relief reports his general coordinator, E. Eugene Greer of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Reid will get no money or any type of honorarium for his run.

State Baptist Convention Brotherhood departments in Georgia, North Carolina, and Virginia are coordinating plans in those states, and Fletcher Allen, associate editor of the Baptist Courier, Greenville, S. C., is working out arrangements in South Carolina.

Running groups are encouraged to run with Reid for portions of the route, Greer said. The jogger plans to run 6 to 10 miles in the mornings and also in the afternoons.

Reid says this will be his longest continuous run. From Dec. 1 to Aug. 1 he ran 2,300 miles and also received the special Bicentennial patch from the National Joggers Association for 1,776 miles of jogging.

Reid had done some wrestling with an Indian friend while a stu-

dent, but he really didn't discover the extent of his physical powers until after he and Mrs. Reid became missionaries to Mexico in 1938.

When they arrived they found the churches had been closed, and Reid looked around him to see how they could have a Christian witness. Soon he noticed that crowds always gathered when ever someone came to a town to perform some kind of stunt.

Of these people could do it for money, he reasoned, why couldn't he do it for the Lord?

He started with the feat of defying anyone to turn him over when he was on his all fours, and then gradually developed other stunts. During the performances, he had a chance to tell his audiences that it was Jesus who had sent him to Mexico and that Jesus also loved each of them.

Since that time Reid has given demonstrations in 20 countries on four continents. He is the author of six books in English and four in Spanish.

As part of his campaign for clean living, he founded the Mexican Baptist Anti-alcohol Campaign. In addition to his general evangelism work in Mexico, he also served at the Baptist Student home in Guadalajara and handled print shop and good will center assignments.

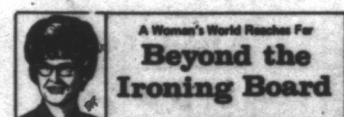
Even after retiring, the Reids don't expect to slow down too much. Already they're getting ready for a tour of East Africa which the Foreign Mission Board is planning early in 1977.

If men talked only about what they understand, the silence would become unbearable.

The man who expects to go to heaven must take the time to study the route that will get him there.

Church Steeples

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A Woman's World Reaches For
**Beyond the
Ironing Board**

A small medic alert disc hangs from a chain worn on my left arm in close company with my watch, so that in the unlikely possibility that I should arrive unconscious in an emergency room sometime, unable to communicate, those in attendance would see it and hold the dispensation of glucose. Very mildly diabetic, I might be in big trouble if I received large amounts of glucose. For a while I did not bother with wearing the bracelet and misplaced it. When I replaced it, I decided to get a chain with a safety catch. After a few weeks, guess what broke. Not the catch, but the safety catch. Back I went for another. A few weeks later, it happened again: the safety catch broke. So I decided to forego the expense of another with a safety catch, conceding that evidently the fastener alone is strong enough and not as vulnerable to pressure and snagging as I had thought.

Somewhat I kept thinking, as I looked at those broken safety catches dangling from fasteners which are very efficiently intact, about safety catches we Christians keep preparing for ourselves: wise investments, paid-off mortgages, accumulation of various goods and use of various services, social position, varying kinds of success, and others you could name.

Somewhat, these safety catches also have a way of breaking. Yet, we remain safe in Christ, our security Who is totally efficient and complete, lacking any need for anything to help Him hold us. Not

Pleasant Home To Recognize Senior Citizens

Pleasant Home Church, Laurel, in Jones County, will hold a special service September 12, in appreciation of senior citizens in the church.

The entire morning worship service is being planned to honor people of sixty years and over, who "through their years of faithfulness have seen the church grow from a monthly service to a full time and full program church."

The pastor, the Rev. Martin Hayden, and church staff invite all interested persons to attend.

MEXICO CITY, Mexico — A Bible was presented recently to United States Ambassador to Mexico Joseph John Jova by Southern Baptist Representative Robert L. Perry. Perry presented the hard-bound edition of the New Testament in Today's English Version on behalf of Capital City Baptist Church where he is pastor.

A judge is a man of great trials and many convictions.

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BWA Expands On 'Baptist Community' World Data

WASHINGTON (BP) — For every three Baptist church members in the world, at least one other person attends preaching services, Sunday School or other Baptist activities or is at least in a Baptist family, according to a Baptist World Alliance (BWA) estimate.

The BWA estimates that the total "Baptist community" in the world numbers 46,758,787, expanding its recently announced total of 32,887,522 Baptist church members in the world, according to Carl W. Tiller, BWA associate secretary for study and research.

Baptists, unlike many denominations, count only persons who have been made a personal decision to receive baptism as church members. They do not baptize infants.

This is the first year the BWA has compiled data beyond actual baptized members to reveal the broader outreach of Baptist churches, Tiller said.

He estimates that the world's 135,957 Baptist churches are supplemented by another 35,818 chapels, missions, and other places of preaching and worship. This brings to 171,775 the total number of places where services are held on a regular basis.

The number of non-church Baptist worship places exceeds the number of Baptist churches in Middle America, South America, and Africa. The Nigerian Baptist Convention reports 1,600 mission points and 700 churches. The proportionately fewest number of non-church worship places is in North America.

The Southern Baptist Convention, USA, which reports 34,906 churches, has the largest number of mission points, 3,807. Baptists of Brazil are next in number of mission points operated, with 2,810, and they have 2,682 churches.

In the "Baptist community" estimate, the greatest outreach beyond church membership was reported for the Middle East, the smallest region in actual number of Baptists. The BWA figures that in the Middle Eastern countries, the Baptist community is 4.5 times the actual church membership. North America has the smallest

ratio of non-member outreach, estimated at 1.3 times the church membership. Tiller attributed this in part to the idea that in North America, "interested persons may make a profession of faith more quickly because there are few or no cultural barriers as compared with other places."

East Howard Marks "Pop" Stone Day

Sunday, August 8, was "Pop" Stone Day" at East Howard Church, Biloxi, C. H. "Pop" Stone, who will soon complete his twelfth year as minister of music at East Howard, received special recognition during the morning service and was presented with a gift. A fellowship dinner in his honor was followed by a singing in the afternoon.



"Pop" became active in the music ministry during the last years of his career in the U. S. Coast Guard. "Since 1945, he has participated in approximately 400 revivals in thirteen states, and is still much in demand as a revival singer," states R. L. Frees, East Howard pastor.

Old Fashioned Day At Orange Grove

On September 12, First Church of Orange Grove, will hold an "Old Fashioned Day" celebration. Featured events will be dinner on the grounds and an all day sing.

Ladies will wear long dresses and sunbonnets, while the men will wear overalls. All will bring covered dishes for a big dinner celebration.

The highlight of the afternoon will be an afternoon of gospel music featuring The Jacksonaires Quartet from Jackson Avenue Church of Pascagoula.

Rev. H. L. Davis is pastor, and Grady L. Mayo, is minister of music.

The Godly Decision

By Joe Anderson, Pastor, McAdams Church

I Kings 12:1-20

Each one of us is faced with decisions where the line has been drawn and where a wrong decision would be catastrophic. What did Rehoboam do and what was his mistake?



First, he sought help in the right place. He went to the men who had served his father Solomon. These men had the advantage of working with a man whom God had seen fit to bless with Godly wisdom. Their advice was that if he were to lead the people he must first learn to serve them. He also needed to exhort them as they served. These were the keys to Christian service and leadership. The greatest leaders are those who do not expect others to serve them but have learned to serve others and set the example. Had Rehoboam only listened to this Godly counsel, Israel would probably not have been divided.

Secondly, he sought help from some young men who had not had the advantage of seeing how godly decisions were made. They toyed with his pride. "He was king! Why should he serve? Weren't the people to serve him?" "Don't pay any attention to those old men; they served your father. You are king now and can do whatever you want." "After all, what do they know about this generation?" I imagine that these young men have ambitious and were seeking to climb in the new king's court.

Rehoboam caught a fatal disease from these young men. It might be termed, swelling of the cranial area or swelled-headitis.

The result of this was a divided kingdom. How often do the decisions we make divide rather than unite and all because we have rejected the godly counsel for that of the ungodly.

\$50,000 Annual Aid Program For Southwestern Students

FORT WORTH (BP) — Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary students serving on small Baptist church staffs are expected to benefit from a new scholarship program in the amount of \$50,000 annually, it was announced here. The scholarship and aid program has been arranged by a Houston-based Foundation, which has asked to remain anonymous, a seminary spokesman said.

The program is designed to aid up to 250 Southwestern Seminary students for the coming year. In addition to demonstrating need, applicants must serve as pastor of a Baptist church with a membership of 300 or less. The scholarship is an amount equal to the seminary's matriculation fee.

Scholarship applicants also would be eligible to receive expense money for their travel to and from their church fields. The

foundation has earmarked \$25,000 of the grant for that purpose, the spokesman noted.

According to Felix Gresham, Southwestern Seminary's dean of student affairs, "We should have little problem getting enough applicants, with nearly 1,000 students being employed by churches in the five-state area." He explained that there are nearly 5,500 Southern Baptist churches within a 200-mile radius of the Fort Worth-based seminary.

Although the seminary will handle applications for the new scholarship, the foundation is expected to award the annual grants.

Students at Southern Baptist seminaries do not pay tuition. Income from the Cooperative Program (the basic unified giving program of Southern Baptists), endowment earnings, and grants provide tuition costs for every student accepted for admission.

Memory Plan Helps Children Learn Scripture

RIDGECREST, N. C. — "Sowing Seeds for Living" has been selected as the theme for this year's Bible Searchers Memory Plan, according to Al Brewer, children's consultant in the Sunday School department at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

The special program which was introduced last year, is designed to help fifth and sixth graders learn memory verses, along with the divisions and books of the Bible and selected passages of Scripture.

The plan includes three levels of achievement, Brewer explains, and the child signs a contract at the beginning of the church year committing himself to working toward one of the levels.

To reach the highest level, the child must memorize 40 verses, the divisions and books of the Bible and four blocks of selected Scripture passages which are related to the Sunday School curriculum's overall theme.

Children who successfully complete the requirement for the level of excellence are recognized with certificates from the Sunday School Board.

The memory plan and a booklet explaining the program are available from the materials services department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Houston (Parkway): August 22-29; R. J. Wilemon evangelist; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Trenor, music; 22 for baptism, one by letter; James H. Cannon, pastor.

Trinity, Philadelphia, (Neshoba); Saminy McEwen from Wilsonville, Alabama, full-time evangelist, preaching; Allyn Moore, minister of music at First Church, Philadelphia, in charge of music; Grady Collins, pastor; 10 professions of faith; 11 new members by letter; 28 rededications; "a renewed spirit of love and services for Christ among the other church members;" "church filled to capacity almost every night."



Kay Steiner of First Church, Pensacola, Fla., was presented the Holcombe Scholarship Award by Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center manager Ken McAnear during the staff farewell banquet Aug. 13.

Florida Staffer Wins Scholarship At Ridgecrest

RIDGECREST, N. C. — Janet Kay Steiner, a University of West Florida senior from First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla., was recently honored as the winner of the 1976 Holcombe Scholarship Award here at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.

Miss Steiner, 21, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Steiner of Pensacola. She was awarded the \$800 scholarship by conference center manager Ken McAnear during a special farewell banquet for the staff Aug. 13.

Miss Steiner, who worked in the food services operation at the conference center, was selected from 70 applicants out of a summer staff of more than 320 young people. She is the first girl to win the scholarship since the award was initiated in 1973.

A scholarship committee made the selection from criteria such as attitude, relationship with guests and fellow workers, work habits, and general effectiveness in accomplishing the goals of the conference center.

Names In The News



Pastor Harold G. Wilson, left, recognized the two oldest members of Union Church, Tylertown, Mrs. Alice Pigott, center, and Alex Cormier, right, when the church observed a Bicentennial old-fashioned day and homecoming. Members dressed in Bicentennial costumes, ate dinner on the grounds and heard gospel singing.

Lewis Oswalt recently moved to First Church, Many, Louisiana as minister of music and youth. A native of Hammond, La., he is a graduate of Mississippi College and has served several churches in Mississippi, the most recent being Providence Church, Hattiesburg while doing work toward a doctoral degree at Mississippi Southern. He is married to the former Lisa Hudson of Calhoun City.

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Smith, missionaries to Brazil, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 3331 Old Canton Rd., Jackson, Miss. 39216). He is a native of Amite County, Mississippi.

Sandy Perry and William Westbrook have surrendered to the ministry of music. Don Purvis has surrendered to the gospel ministry. These young people are members of Center Terrace Church, Canton. The pastor is Zack T. Winningham.



STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER. William Carey College senior Cecil T. Rimes, Jr. has been named staff photographer for the school. Rimes, whose major areas of study are art and Bible, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rimes Sr. of Magnolia.

Phil Pearson, Mississippi native, has joined the staff of Calvary Church, Hope, Arkansas, as minister of music and youth. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Pearson of Kosciusko, he graduated from Mississippi College. As a student, he served as choir director of Pocahontas Church. He recently received the degree of master of music from Southwestern Seminary, and while in seminary served as minister of music for First Church, Dawson, Texas. He is married to the former Jane Rollins, MC graduate, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Rollins of Centerville. Mr. and Mrs. Pearson presently reside at 1305 South Main, Apt. 5-A, Hope, Arkansas 71801.

Allen W. Graves, dean of religious education at Southern Seminary, has been elected vice president of the Association for Professional Education for Ministry. The association is composed of professors at seminaries related to the Association of Theological Schools.

Young people of Mulberry Church, Houma, La. recently honored Mrs. Evelyn Culpepper with a "This Is Your Life" banquet. Mrs. Culpepper is a leader of young people in the church. Among guests from Mississippi were Mr. and Mrs. George Lee, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. George Lee III and children, Mrs. Mary Tam, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Gassaway, Gwen and Greg, Mr. and Mrs. Posey Thornhill, and Mr. and Mrs. Lenard Pizzalatta.

Dwalia South, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry South, Sr. of Ripley, has been accepted into the University of Mississippi Medical School in Jackson this fall. The Blue Mountain College student graduated Summa Cum Laude.



In May and received both the Lawrence T. Lowery and Kirk Creative Writing awards while at Blue Mountain.



It is hard to get higher than No. 1 out of a class of 306 college graduates, but that is what Jo Laurin McDonald, above, did in 1973 when she was graduated at William Carey College with summa cum laude honors. This month she returned to her alma mater as assistant in the office of public relations. An English major, with a double minor in speech and German, Jo Laurin has been employed for the past two years as a staff writer for the Poplarville Democrat. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin McDonald of Picayune, she will be involved in a variety of public relations functions of the college, primarily news information. She is a Baptist.



The Rev. W. O. Kimbriel was ordained at Pioneer Church, Woodville, on August 8, at the request of Union Church, Wilkinson County. The Rev. Houston Anglin, Pioneer pastor, left, presented the ordination certificate. Mr. Kimbriel is pictured at right with his wife, the former Birdie McCurley, and son Jeffrey. Another ordination service was held at Pioneer Church July 18, when they ordained Richard Baker. Mr. Kimbriel is the new pastor at Union.

Betty Ragon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Ragon of Bolivar, Tennessee, has been accepted into the physical therapy study program at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia beginning this fall. The Blue Mountain College student is one of 35 who have



been selected for the 2-year program and while at Blue Mountain received both the overall chemistry and Chemical Rubber Company awards.

CHACHEUNGSAO, Thailand — A leadership program to teach church leaders how to train teachers was conducted here recently by Southern Baptist Missionary Robert L. Cullen. The 13-week program, "Training Trainers of Teachers in Thailand," consisted of teaching principles and methods.

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"I knew a lady who went on a coconut and banana diet," a man told his wife. "How'd she do?" the wife asked. "Well, she didn't lose any weight, but, boy, can she climb trees!" the husband declared.

"And now, dear, that we are married," the bridegroom said, "let's have an understanding about our affairs. Do you wish to be president or vice president?" The bride answered: "Neither. You be both. I'll just be the treasurer."

"London has to be the foggiest place on earth," one traveler told another. "Yes," the other person said, "London is certainly foggy. But I've been in a place that was much foggier." The first traveler asked, "Foggier than London? Where was that?" "I don't know," came the answer. "It was so foggy I couldn't tell."

"Can I marry an octopus?" a patient in a psychiatrist's office asked. "No, you can't. Next question," the psychiatrist replied. The patient then inquired: "Well, then, how can I get rid of eight engagement rings?"

On April Fool's Day not long ago, the New York Police Department received an anonymous note reading: "Raid the Building at 650 Lenox Ave. Huge Supply of Ammunition and More Than 500 Rifles are Stored There!" Now it happened that there was a lot of public feeling about various action groups in the city, so the police turned out in full. Down 45th Street screamed the sirens of two armored cars, 20 motorcycles and 17 riot cars. Behind the procession came a mob of New Yorkers to see what the excitement was about. Reporters and cameramen, tipped off that something big was coming off, rushed in. The police cars and motorcycles jammed to a stop in front of the building, and were then very silent, and very red in the face. The note was correct: there were rifles and ammunition stored at 650 Lenox Ave., for that, at the time, was the address of the 389th U. S. Regimental Armory.